

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - APR/MAY 2016

Glovis Sangamam project is continuing to support the 8 schools in Thiruvallur Dist. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during the second half of April and May 2016.

Summer holidays

The summative assessments for the 3rd term (SA3) was held in late April. After that all the schools closed for summer holidays by April 30th. The schools remained closed through the month of May and reopened on June 1st.

RightStart Teacher Training

Asha conducts its annual teacher training session in May. This year we conducted it from May 27th to 31st at the IIT Madras campus. This year we had 2 days of Maths training by Ramanujan Museum and Centre for Math resources, 1.5 days of English training by Mrs. Radhika Srinivasan of Kamalalayam Trust, 0.5 days of Computer training by two volunteers of Asha Chennai (Rajaram and Venkat) and finally 1 day of craft training and teacher talent show. There were about 45 teachers from various Asha projects and from partner organizations that attended the training. The training sessions were well received and we hope this reflects in the teaching methods the teachers employ at school.

Teacher Meetings and Training

Other than the first 10 days of May, the teachers attended meetings and training sessions organized for them throughout May at our Sangamam office at Thruvallur. On most of the days they met on their own and trained themselves in English, Maths and computer science. On a couple of days volunteers from Chennai also went to Thiruvallur to help them in their training. In particular we trained them in higher Mathematical skills like algebra and trigonometry.

Teacher Interviews and Hiring

Some of our teachers are leaving us because of marriage and maternity. Two of our computer teachers Sailaja and Santha Sophya will be in maternity leave over the next several months and will be joining us back by end of 2016. Nirmala who was teaching at

Placepalayam and Priya who was teaching at Katchur got married and will not be able to continue. Janifer Joshi, our teacher at Allikuzhi was advised rest by the doctor as she is pregnant. We also needed to move some of our teachers with experience with computers to make them computer teachers. We had to hire several teachers because of this. We conducted tests for more than 50 teachers over several days and have selected a few. This effort is continuing. Here are the teacher assignments for 2016-17.

Kuppammal Chathiram	Deivanayagi
Pattarai Perumbudur	Ezhilarasi
Gandhigram	To be hired
Ramanjeri	Aishwarya
Thomur	Deepa
Katchur	Selvi and To be Hired.
Allikuzhi	Sangeetha
Placepalayam	Anitha and Sheela.
Computer Teacher 1	Seetha Ezhilarasi
Computer Teacher 2	Vanitha

Other Events

A table and chair was given to the school at Katchur. Some long pending repair work was carried out at the Sangamam office at Thiruvallur.

We have started the process of conducting interviews to hire new teachers. We will need to hire a few more for Glovis Sangamam as well as a couple of teacher will be taking maternity leaves.

Upcoming Events

We will be wrapping up the teacher hiring in June. We will start the purchase of materials for the schools in June and have the distribution in late June or early July. We will be conducting a test for all the teachers on the 18th of June. We will be giving laptops for the new teachers also in June and start training them for using it as well.